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Ethanol, Electronic Management and Flex Fuel Vehicles: Environmental Benefits and the Need of Improvements on Emission Measurements and Test Procedures

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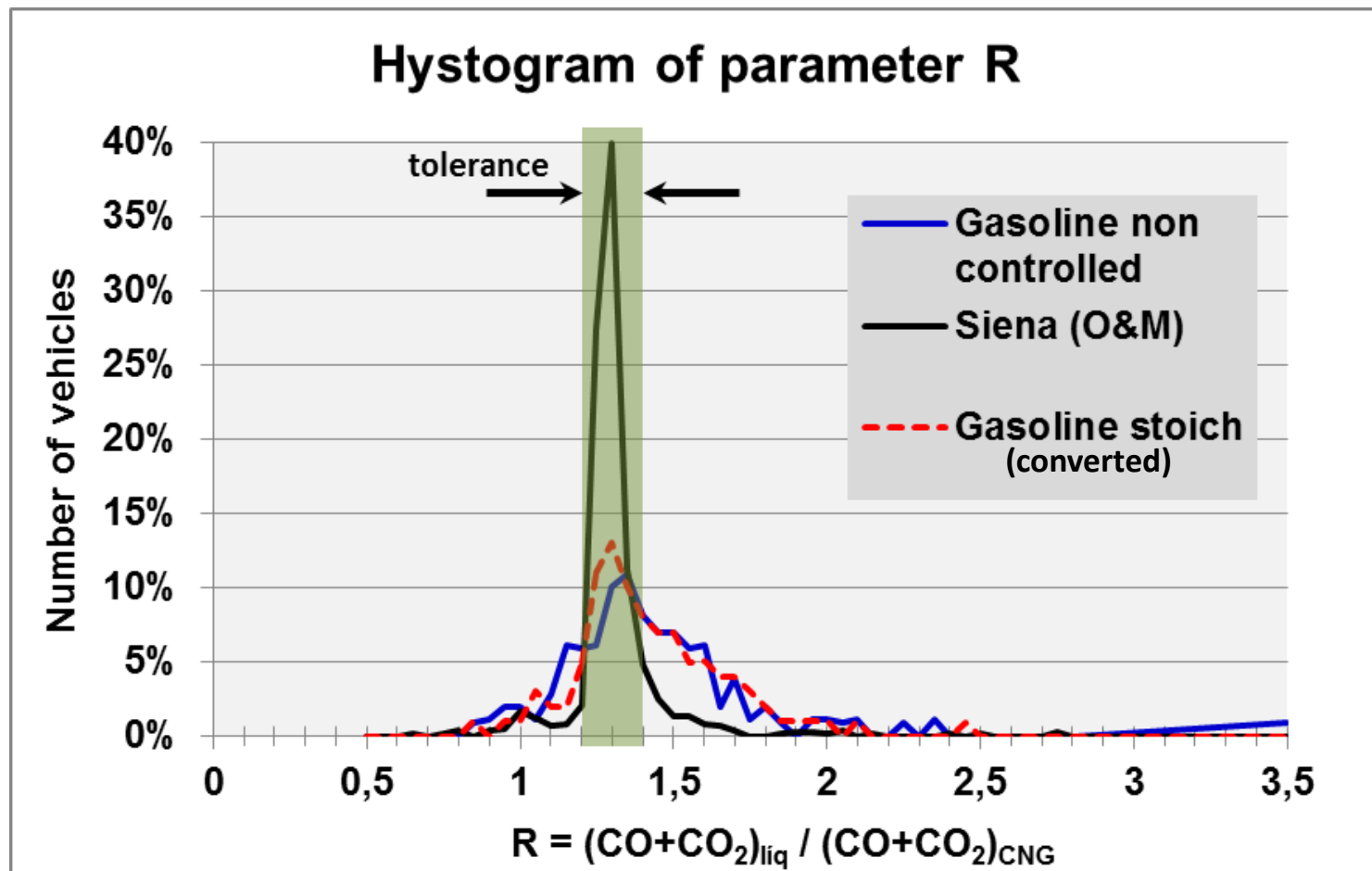
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Milestones of Ethanol Use and Emission Control

- 1. 1980 - First ethanol engines: improving efficiency and reducing CO and HC emission;**
 - Non controlled carbureted engines: lean mixtures, lowering CO and HC (- 40%);
 - Materials development: corrosion and polymers resistant to ethanol;
 - Reduction of ethanol production waste;
 - Improvement of sugar cane production and biotechnology;
- 2. 1986 - Emission standards were established for all vehicles – PROCONVE;**
 - similar std. for both gasoline and ethanol engines – further emission reduction;
 - 1997 - 3rd phase Otto cycle vehicles target: electronic management and more than 90% emission reduction, including aldehydes;
- 3. 2000 – 4th phase Diesel HDV target: EURO II std. and ~ 70% emission reduction;**
- 4. 2003 – Start of motorcycle emission program - PROMOT**
- 5. 2004 - enhanced electronic engine management and viable Otto flex fuel vehicles and EURO III std. for diesel HDV;**
- 6. 2009/10 – limits more stringent and introduction of OBD-II;**
- 7. 2012 – EURO V std. for Diesel HDV;**
- 8. Next steps: organic emission control based on ozone formation potential
enhanced evaporative emission control**

- 1. Renewable CO₂ reduces GHG significantly;**
- 2. Reduced evaporative emissions and photochemical reactivity;**
- 3. Lower energy content - compensated by higher compression ratio and spark advance control reduced differences in fuel consumption to 20% when compared to gasoline;**
- 4. Corrosion problems - solved by new materials and reduced electric conductivity of fuel;**
- 5. High aldehyde emissions - reduced by 3-way catalists;**
- 6. Fuel injection improved cold start, but still using gasoline or producing high ethanol emission in the first minutes of driving cycle;**
- 7. Heated injectors reduced unburned ethanol emission during cold start, recently;**
- 8. New polymers solved plastic and rubber parts deterioration;**
- 9. Liquid waste of ethanol production was incorporated in agricultural process and environmental problems became eliminated;**
- 10. Significant energy generation with leaves and stems reduces environmental impacts.**

General I&M Results of CNG vehicles



$$\frac{(CO + CO_2)_{Liq.Fuel}}{(CO + CO_2)_{CNG}} = 15/12 = R$$

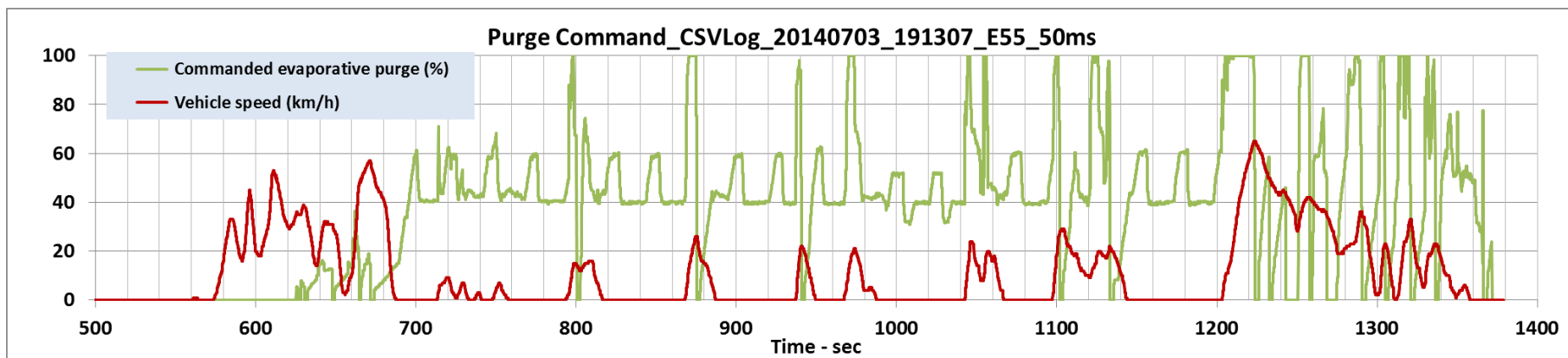
Target values:
 $1,2 < R < 1,3$

**Engine conversion
looses emission control
performance**

Electronic Management: solution and challenge

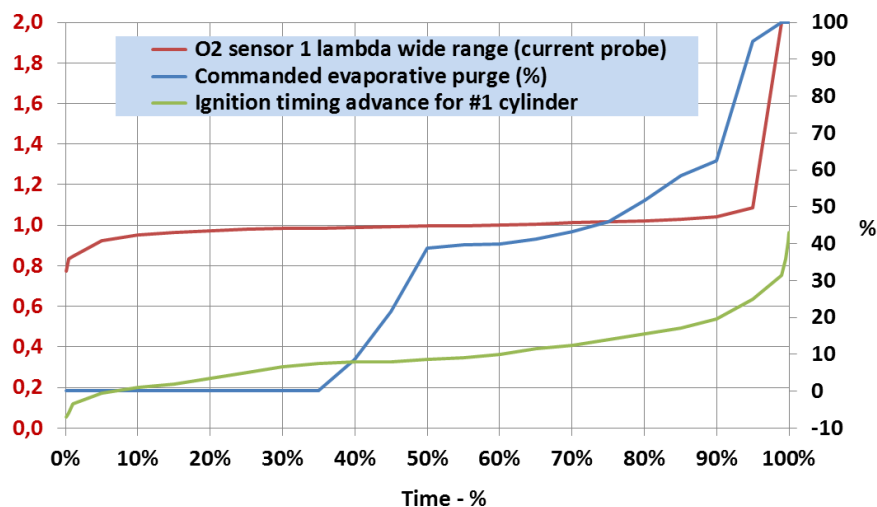
1. Powerful hardware and softwares control all engine parameters at every second;
2. They allow to define emission control strategies, tailor made from the real time statistics, of any vehicle parameter;
3. Parameters statistics in real time allows to adapt engine to:
 - Ambient conditions, temperature and atmospheric pressure;
 - Load, speed and fuel characteristics variations;
 - Customer driving behaviour
 - **BUT IT MAY ALSO ADJUST for driving cycle characteristics, eventually reducing real driving representativeness of certification test procedures**
4. On board diagnosis – OBD detects engine failures and records maintenance indicator parameters;
 - Complement and facilitates annual inspection;
 - Allows real time reading of any engine parameter and recording against time and distance traveled.

Statistical Behaviour and Real Driving

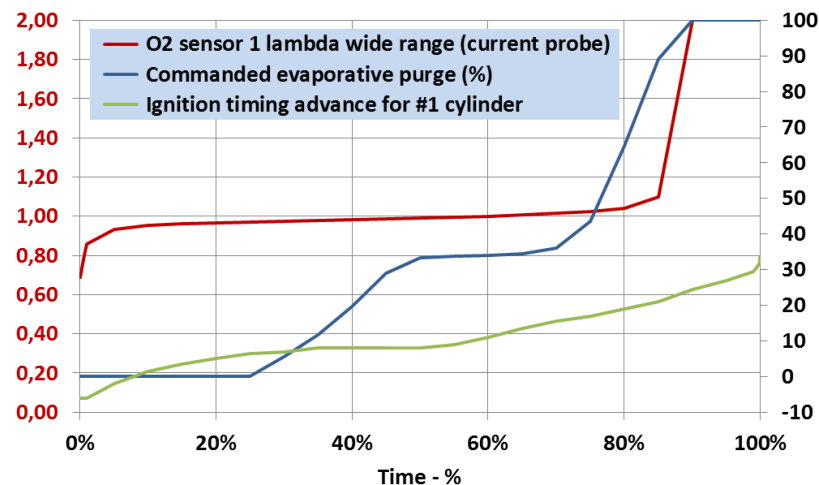


Example: similar behaviour for different driving conditions might be checked in driving cycle

20140703_191307_50ms_2,6km-E55 - 8,6km/h



20140717_155011 - 8,4km -34km/h-200ms-E90

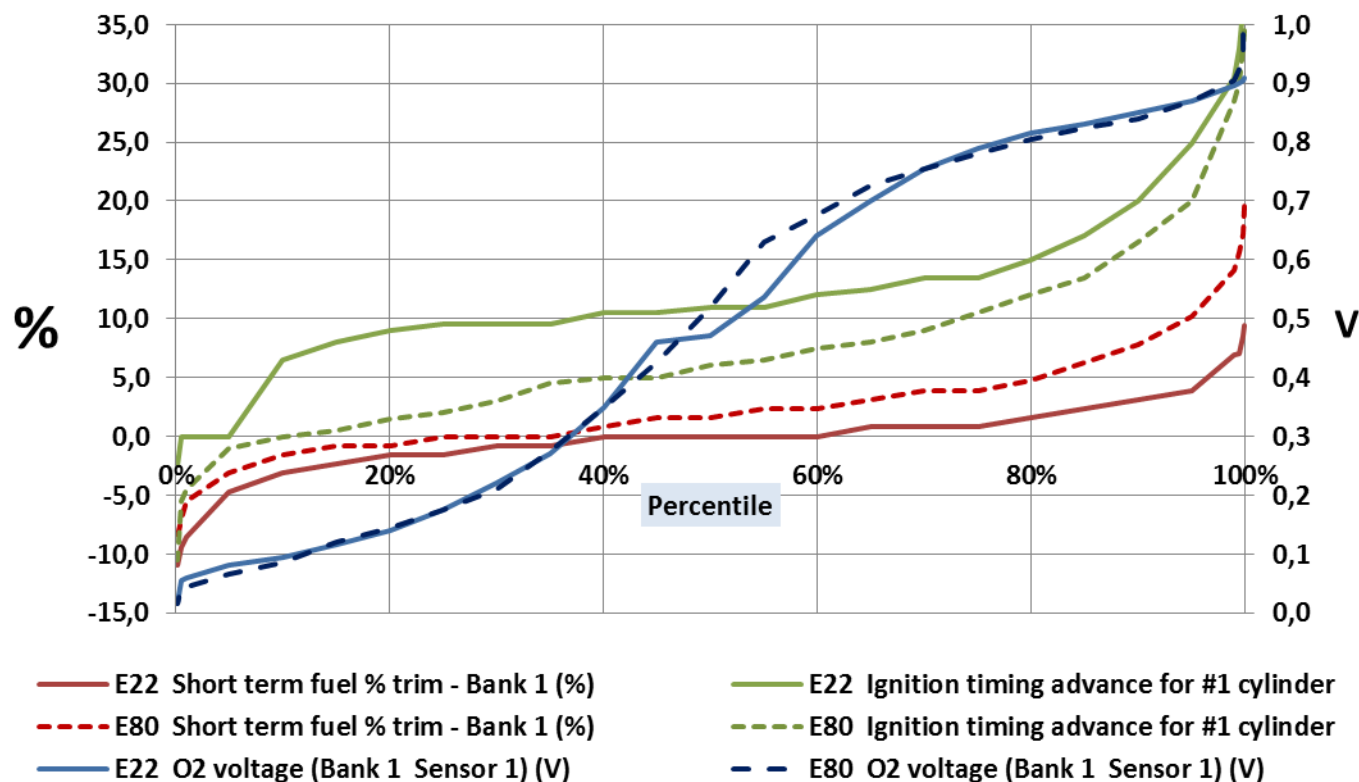


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Example: different behaviours for different fuels may reveal biased strategies

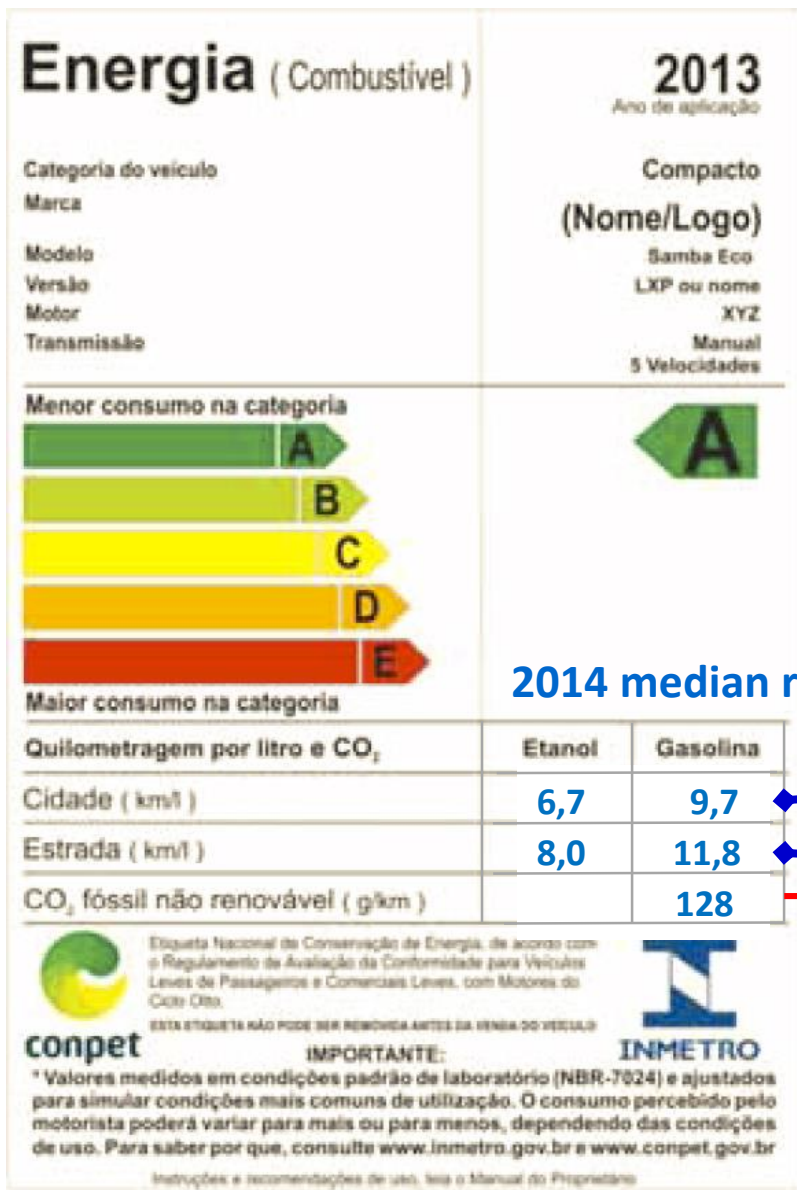
KEY - calibration parameters statistics may be used to validate driving cycle representativeness of real driving.

Flex Fuel Behaviour Example - E22 and E80



Test procedures inconsistencies

- Gaseous emission and fuel consumption has been measured under different bases;
- Driving cycle beating is not checked;
- Different vehicle versions are used for fuel consumption and emission characterization;



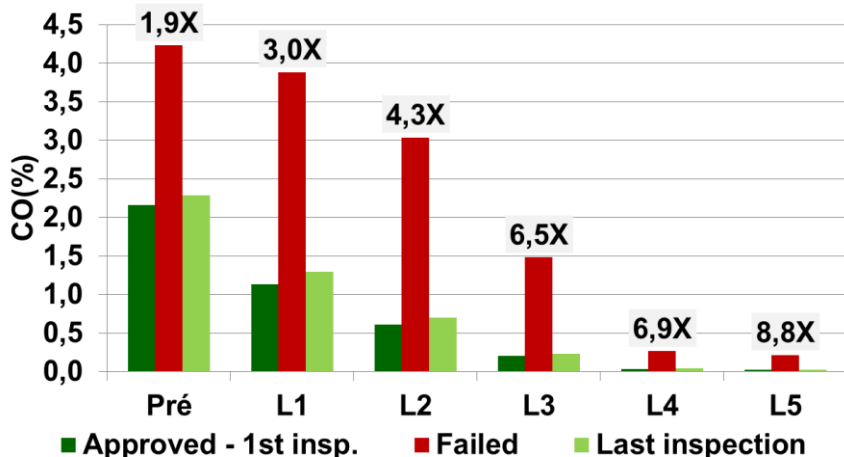
CO ₂ - true	Ratio
190	36% (higher) 27% to 44%
156	
177 - ave	

Inspection and Maintenance procedures

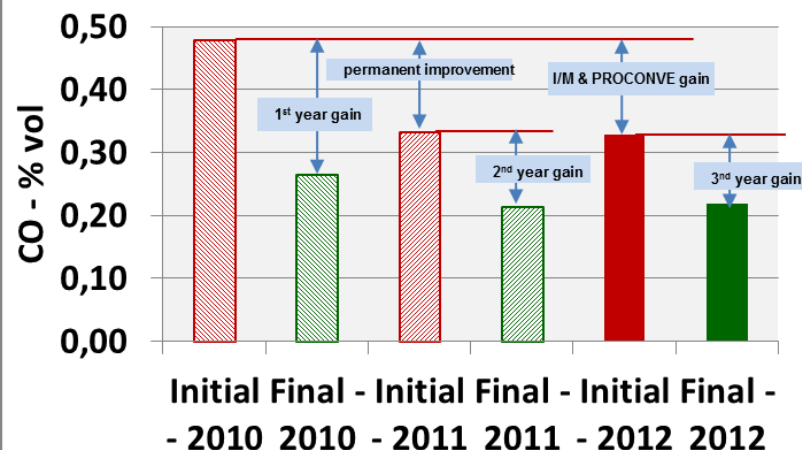
1. Simple tests are still efficient for modern cars;
2. Enhanced test procedures may be required **ONLY** after 2nd reinspection for tampering control;
3. OBD checks might be included to **complement** emission inspection:
 - Failures diagnosis report;
 - Readiness for inspection;
 - Measurement of RPM; catalyst, coolant and oil temperatures, etc.;
4. Remote sensing procedures to be adopted for emission measurement , monitoring and auditing;
5. Statistical routines to be established for I&M results interpretation:
 - Environmental benefits estimation;
 - Process auditing;
 - Feedback to Environmental Agency and manufacturers;
6. Social communication Program is a key to I&M success.

I&M Averages by Technology Level

CO fleet averages - gasoline cars



Average emission - LDV Otto - CO



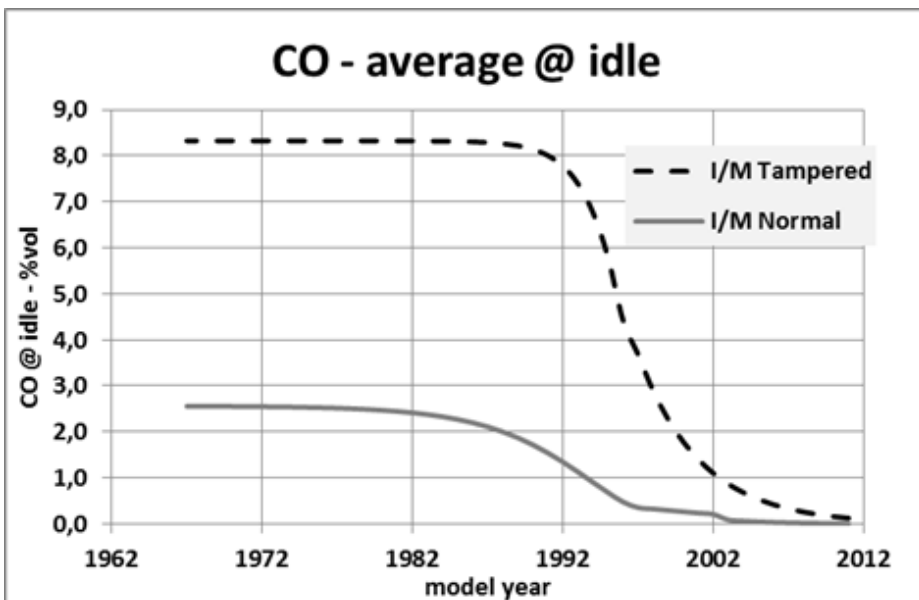
- **FAILED** vehicles show emissions many times higher than **APPROVED** ones;
- Vehicles in the **LAST REINSPECTION** show similar averages as the **APPROVED** ones.

Estimation of Environmental Benefit using two emission inventories for each calendar year:

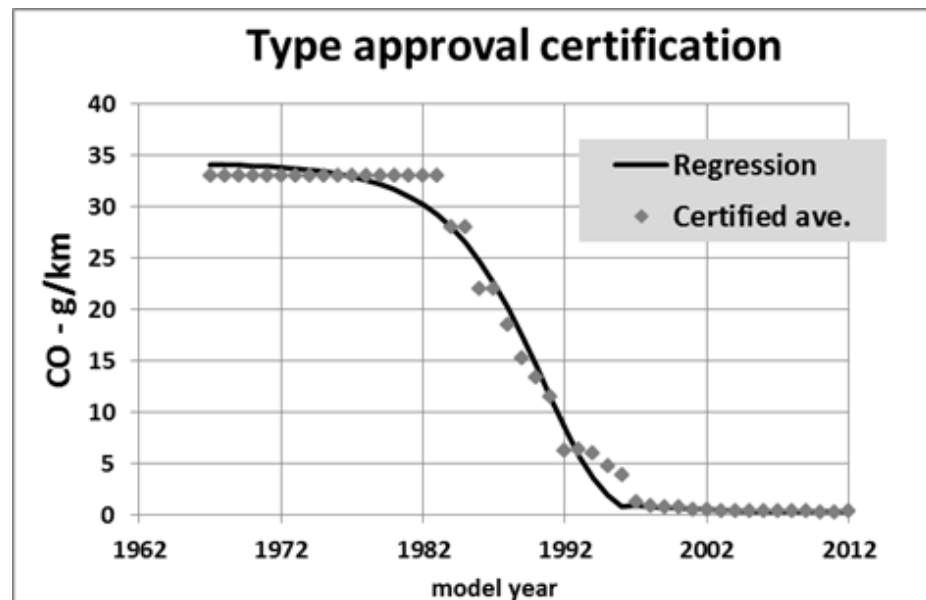
1. **INICIAL** inventory: average of **Aproved** + **failed**
2. **FINAL** inventory: average of **Aproved** + **last reinspection**

I&M and Type Approval Statistics

millions of cheap measurements with low test representativeness (idle/free accel.)



dozens of expensive measurements with high test representativeness (driving cycles)



Note: Demonstrated in the gasoline Otto cycle CO emission, because this is the most comprehensive fleet

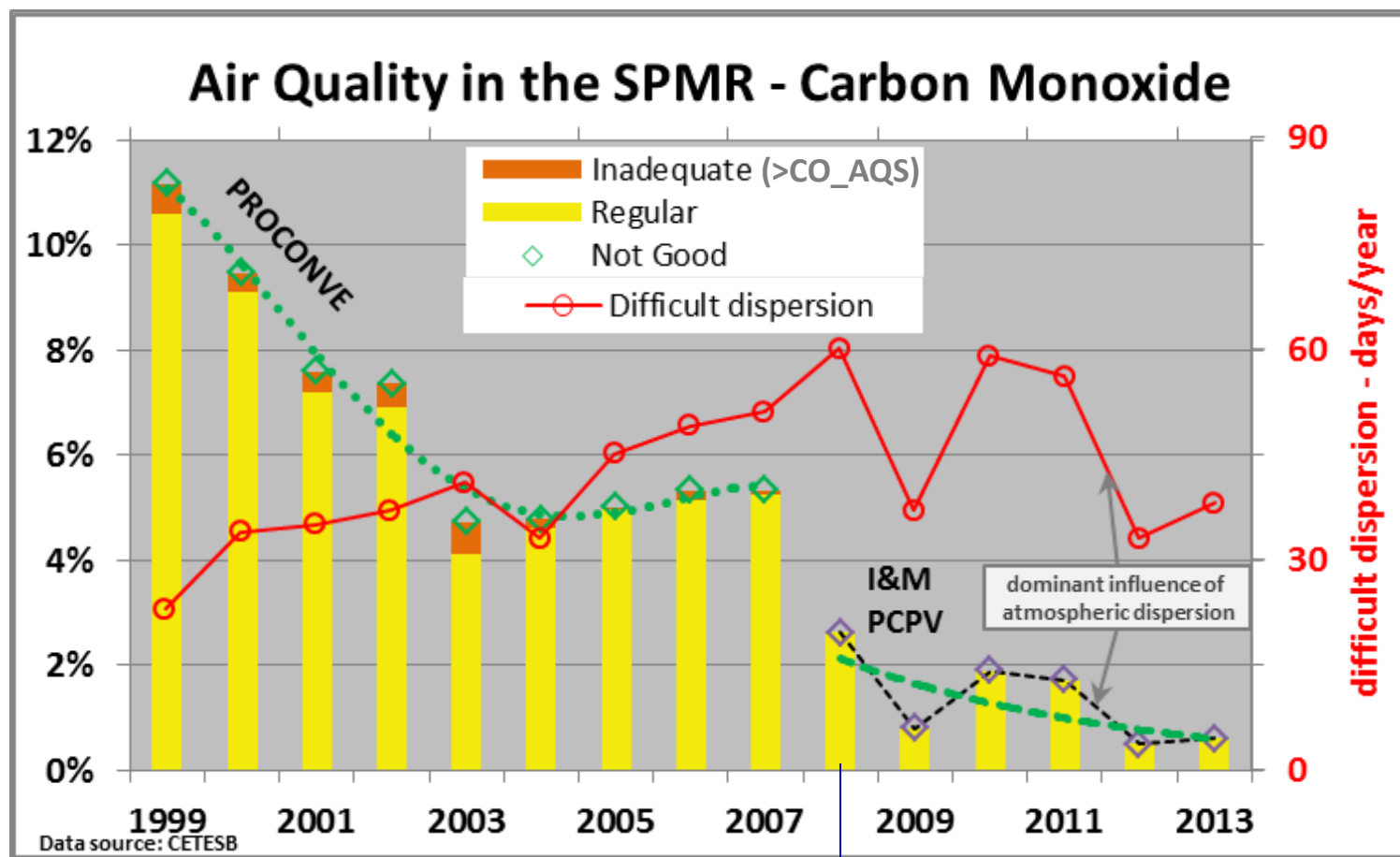
- Regression lines of averages obtained in I&M inspections show very similar shapes of certification data measured in standard dynamometer driving cycles;
- Correlations of these lines show agreement between certificated emissions in g/km and in-use normal vehicles, and tampered vehicles as well;
- These correlations allow great improvement in inventory estimations.

Progress of CO levels in the atmosphere

Carbon monoxide is the pollutant most related to vehicle traffic because:

- it is by far the major source (95% comes from vehicles, mainly Otto cycle in Brazil)
- It is monitored by 8 hours moving average, thus sensitive to traffic variations

Therefore CO is the best indicator to confirm the presented calculations



→ No more violations of CO_AQS

- **Ethanol Program helped reducing emissions, especially CO₂ (renewable);**
- **Only technology improvements and stringent emission standards may assure large emission reductions;**
- **Engine conversions to alternative fuels loose technological quality;**
- **Alternative fuels and technologies need OEM development and support;**
- **Testing procedures in standard driving cycles requires further improvements for engines with enhanced electronic management :**
 - **key calibration parameters monitoring and**
 - **comparing to their real world statistics ;**
- **Fuel consumption and emissions might be determined under the same simulation conditions and vehicle versions to improve consistency;**
- **Inspection and Maintenance Programs must be implemented and complemented with OBD and Remote Sensing resources, and including statistical routines for evaluation and feedback to Type Approval certification;**
- **Air quality is improving, but all Programs might be harmonized for better results.**

Muchas Gracias!

Thank you !

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